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SUBJECT: RIGHTISTS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ARMS FABRICATION,
ILLEGAL DOCUMENTS

1. GUARDIA CIVIL HEADQUARTERS IN MADRID ISSUED A
COMMUNIQUE FEBRUARY 22 ON THE ARREST OF EXTREME RIGHTIST
"GUERRILLAS OF CHRIST THE KING" LEADER MARIANO SANCHEZ
COVISA, ANOTHER SPANIARD, ONE FRENCHWOMAN, AND EIGHT
ITALIANS IN CONNECTION WITH AN APARTMENT IN WHICH THE
CIVIL GUARD FOUND EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING SUB MACHINE GUNS,
SEVERAL SUCH WEAPONS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF MANUFACTURE,
FALSE PASSPORTS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND ID CARDS, MATERIAL
RELATED TO WEAPONS MANUFACTURE AND DOCUMENT FALSIFICATION,
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING A DEVICE FOR REMOTE
DETONATION OF EXPLOSIVES), PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL, ONE
REVOLVER, TWO AUTOMOBILES WITH ITALIAN LICENSE PLATES,
CASH, AND THREE 1-KILO GOLD BARS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS,
THE APARTMENT, WHICH WAS RENTED TO SANCHEZ COVISA,
WAS GUARDED BY TWO GERMAN SHEPHERDS.

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2. THE CIVIL GUARD COMMUNIQUE SAID THE DISCOVERY RESULTED
FROM CONTINUING EFFORTS AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, AND
THAT THOSE "IMPLICATED IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE MACHINERY
AND THE SUBSEQUENT FABRICATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ARMS"
CONFESSED. SANCHEZ COVISA HAD BEEN HELD BY POLICE FOR
SOME THREE DAYS FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING OF A YOUTH DURING

A PRO-AMNESTY DEMONSTRATION, BUT WAS RELEASED AND NEVER CHARGED.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE LISTED WITH EVIDENT HISPANIZATION OF SOME OF THE NAMES THE FOLLOWING AS THOSE "ARRESTED AS PRESUMED (TOBE) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USE OF THE APARTMENT (THOSE WHO CONFESSED WERE NOT IDENTIFIED):

- PIETRO BENEVENUTO DI GIUSEPPE E DI SINISI MARIA (ITALIAN);
- MARIO TEDESCHI (ITALIAN);
- MARIA MASETTI (ITALIAN);
- JOSE LUIS CLEMENTE DE ANTONIO (SPANISH);
- OTAL ANNIE (FRENCH);
- SALVATORE FRANCA (ITALIAN);
- FLAVIO CAMPO (ALBANIAN NATURALIZED ITALIAN);
- SANDRA CROCCO MARIA (ITALIAN);
- MARIANO SANCHEZ COVISA (SPANISH);
- ELIODORO POMAR (ITALIAN); AND
- ELIO MASSAGRANDE (ITALIAN).

THE COMMUNIQUE IDENTIFIED MASSAGRANDE AS "THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROUP" AND POMAR AS THE "TECHNICAL DIRECTOR" AND ALLEGEDLY FORMER "DIRECTOR OF ISPRA, THE ONLY NUCLEAR CENTER IN ITALY." PRESS ACCOUNTS SAID SANDRA CROCCO IS MASSAGRANDE'S WIFE, AND THAT MASSAGRANDE, POMAR, AND FRANCA ARE WANTED BY ITALIAN POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND FASCIST OR NEO-FASCIST ASSOCIATION.

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4. NOT REVEALED OR ADDRESSED WAS WHY, GIVEN THE RELATIVE EASE OF ARMS ACQUISITION, THE GROUP WANTED ITS OWN PRODUCTION CAPABILITY. POLICE SAID THE MACHINERY COULD TURN OUT ABOUT FIFTY WEAPONS PER MONTH. STABLER

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